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Council Adopts \$26.7M Budget With Same Property Tax Rate

by Kathleen Gallagher

There was an almost tangible sense of relief when the Greenbelt City Council completed the unanimous votes needed to pass the ordinance adopting a city budget of \$26,699,500 for Fiscal Year 2016 and appropriating funds at its meeting of June 8. Not only was the long process of worksessions and negotiations finished for another budget cycle, but it was completed without an increase in the city's real estate property tax rate and with enough additional revenue to allow support for some items that had not been funded in the city manager's budget as first proposed last March.

All council members were present for the budget adoption except for Edward Putens, who arrived after the vote was concluded, but expressed support for the actions taken by his colleagues. Although the budget adoption dominated the meeting, there were also two council presentations and actions taken by consent.

Perhaps most importantly, the budget adoption also finished with a sense that the city might finally be seeing its way out of the economic doldrums that started in FY 2009. When City Manager Michael McLaughlin presented his proposed budget

in March, he noted that at \$26.4 million, it was the first budget in seven years not to be stuck in the \$24.5 to \$25.5 million range.

For FY 2016, the tax rate will hold steady at \$0.8125 per \$100 of assessed value. The business personal property tax will also remain at its current rate of \$1.7225 per \$100 of assessed value.

Budget Adoption

The adopted budget was in line with the draft budget that emerged from the council's May 12 final budget worksession, reported in detail in the May 21 issue of this paper. At that time, there was agreement to accept the \$26,437,000 budget as presented by the city manager in March. The rest of that worksession was devoted to discussion and negotiation by councilmembers to determine how the increased revenues would be used.

The extra funds had resulted from a partial restoration of the reimbursement to municipalities of the Local Highway User Revenues collected by the State of Maryland. For Greenbelt, the expected amount will be \$262,500. In addition, savings in budgeted expenditures for electricity, health insurance and county refuse tipping fees of about \$83,000 brought the to-

tal of available extra funds to \$345,500. Although there is a possibility that the city may see an additional surplus following the end of the current fiscal year, councilmembers agreed to wait to discuss any further disposition of funds until after the figures are firm.

As the first step in adopting the budget, councilmembers employed their usual practice of taking turns reading into the record the changes to the manager's proposed budget. Areas to which funding was added or increased at the May 12 worksession included capital projects, economic development initiatives, police body cameras, laptops for police detectives, half-time funding for an addition to Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) case manager, additional grant funding for Meals on Wheels and CHEARS, additional recycling rolling carts, and a transfer to the city's Replacement Fund.

The changes to all the General Fund accounts and the total General Fund Expenditures, as well as changes to the Replacement Fund, were all unanimously supported by the six councilmembers present. For reasons not explained at the meeting, the

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Council Delighted with State Plans for Road Improvements

by James Giese

Assistant District Engineer for Traffic Venu Nemani of the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) represented that department at a stakeholder's worksession conducted by the Greenbelt City Council. He pleased the councilmembers to no end with his responses that want improvements underway. Other council concerns received his sympathetic understanding and his promises that he would look into them.

Particularly welcomed by council and a small contingent of new residents from the Greenbelt Station South Core was the information that design plans for intersection improvements at Greenbelt Station Parkway and Greenbelt Road (Md Rte. 193) had been approved and that construction by the developer would be forthcoming as well as SHA improvements to other intersections along Greenbelt Road. Also greeted with council pleasure was Nemani's announcement of imminent construction to replace the surface on the Powder Mill Road (Md. 212) bridge crossing

the CSX Railroad tracks. Elsewhere sidewalk and bicycle lane improvements are planned, again to the delight of councilmembers.

This love fest was a far cry from the meetings council held many years ago when there would be repeated negative responses to council requests for improvements and tedious explanations why traffic signals were not warranted and why bicycle lanes and sidewalks along state highways were not feasible.

Greenbelt Station Parkway

Eight new Greenbelt residents living on or off Greenbelt Station Parkway in the now under development South Core of Greenbelt Station in Greenbelt West were present to learn about improvements to that road's intersection with Greenbelt Road. At present, only right turns into and out of the parkway are possible and there is no traffic light. Nemani said that plans for the intersection improvement had been approved and that construction could begin soon. These improvements are to be undertaken by and at the expense of

the South Core developer.

Nemani said the improvements would include a left turn lane on Greenbelt Road to permit turning into the new development and to also enable left turns onto Greenbelt Road. A traffic signal would also be installed.

Mayor Emmett Jordan asked if the city could now push the developer to do the work. Nemani said yes, noting that the state permit would expire in 30 days.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that he had been told by the developer's representative that work would be completed by this fall. He said the state is responsible for installing the traffic signal, but that other construction work would be done by the developer's contractor with the state supervising the work. Nemani added that once the work was satisfactorily done, the state would take it over for maintenance.

When Jordan asked if the signal would be synchronized with other lights on Greenbelt Road, Nemani said that it would and

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PHOTO BY CATHIE MEETRE

Members of council and guests stand by as Chief James Craze unveils his portrait at Beltway Plaza.

Beltway Plaza Adds Chief James Craze to Wall of Fame

by Cathie Meetre

Chief James Craze was glad to be at the Beltway Plaza's Wall of Fame ceremony. He remarked that he was actually pleased to be anywhere since the average age of a policeman with his length of service was 'deceased.' This drew a wry laugh from an audience comprising council members, local chiefs of police, community members and a contingent of Greenbelt police officers. Chief Craze has elected that Beltway Plaza, in his name, would donate the honorarium associated with his award to the Concerns of Police Survivors, an organization that helps families of fallen officers.

Craze had special praise for the Air Force. He noted that they took a country boy from Western Maryland a week out of high school and trained him to be a military policeman. He has been in uniform ever since. After five years in the Air Force, he came to Greenbelt in 1971 and by 1987 was police chief. His service to Greenbelt totals 44 years.

Keynote speaker and district director of the International Association of Chiefs of Police Vincent Talucci was introduced

by Beltway Plaza's general counsel, Marc 'Kap' Kapastin, and described how Chief Craze had served not only his local community but also police forces in 102 countries around the world as one of the elected leaders of that organization. During many years of leadership, Chief Craze testified to Congress and provided leadership on a national level.

On a more domestic note, Celia Craze – herself a city official – described life with her husband. The audience was touched by their obvious regard for each other and amused by some of the minor foibles she revealed. But her description of the many nights her husband was called out to work struck a chord with the other police families in the audience.

Though the audience was inspired by his story of dedication and expertise and impressed by his being one month shy of being the longest serving police chief in Maryland, they were perhaps most moved by Celia Craze's simple statement that he is "the perfect husband for me and I'm thankful for him every day."

What Goes On

Saturday, June 20

11 a.m. to noon, Peace Pole Dedication, Greenbelt Community Church

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Bike Rodeo for kids, Springhill Lake Recreation Center Parking Lot (See city ad for details.)

2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Message to Tomorrow Musical, Community Center

3 to 4:30 p.m., Creative Kids Camp Open House, Community Center

Monday, June 22

8 p.m., Council Meeting, Municipal Building, Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, June 23

7 p.m., Advisory Committee on Education Meeting, Municipal Building

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (GreenACES) and Green Team Meeting, Community Center

Wednesday, June 24

8 p.m., Council Worksession on Economic Development, Community Center

Thursday, June 25

7 p.m., Forest Preserve Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

7 p.m., Color and Class Discussion, Community Center (See city ad for details.)

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Letters to the Editor

Nominations for 2015 Outstanding Citizen

With the Labor Day Festival approaching, Greenbelters are asked to help identify this year's Outstanding Citizen by completing the nomination form (see page 10). Describe your nominee's contributions or acts of kindness. Nominations are due by August 3, 2015. This year's honoree will be the 43rd since the award began in 1973.

A committee selects the Outstanding Citizen, but that selection is made from nominations submitted from the community. Identifying that special person in a city of volunteers requires input from citizens like you! Some outstanding citizens are easily spotted because of their leadership and high visibility within organizations. Some have a strong sense of compassion and touch others in a quiet way. Some have lived in Greenbelt for years; others, like 2013 Outstanding Citizen Eric Zhang, are relative newcomers.

The opening ceremonies of the Labor Day Festival will include the announcement of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 2015. Besides recognition and congratulatory proclamations, the honoree serves as the Grand Marshal for the Labor Day Parade.

All of us know individuals from Greenbelt who have distinguished themselves for their outstanding volunteer service to the community. Rarely do they receive the recognition they deserve. History indicates that many of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizens have been nominated several times before their selection. We know we can count on you to keep this one of Greenbelt's special events!

Bob Zugby, chair
Outstanding Citizen
Selection Committee

GIVES Is Still Going Strong

How wonderful that GIVES is still strong after 20 years. Thanks are due to the many members who continue to serve and also to our city council for their recognition and support.

This organization was born when two close friends and I met over many days deciding how to proceed.

We approached a similar group in Washington, D.C., which assisted with professional help. From that we drew up by-laws and orientation booklets along with registration forms.

The family of one friend came up with GIVES – Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service. It demonstrated that the services were provided the Greenbelt way by volunteers of all ages.

I look upon GIVES with pride and with gratitude to my two friends. Long may it continue.

For information call 301-507-6580.

Janet Jacobs-Parker

Open for Business?

Having been away from Greenbelt for most of the time that the Old Greenbelt Theater was closed for renovations, I was excited to hear shortly before my return about the theater's grand reopening! Back in town now for more than two weeks, I have a question: "Is the Old Greenbelt Theater open for business?"

At a distance the theater often appears to be closed. With the exception of the marquis I have seen little signage such as movie posters or show times. I have rarely seen people coming or going, and I do pass through the center frequently at different times during the day and throughout the week.

This past Saturday night at about 7:45 p.m., I noticed that the theater looked closed and the lights seemed to be off inside, so I asked someone who said that they thought that the last showing on Saturday night is at 7:30. Once everyone is inside, they turn off the lights and close the doors. To confirm I looked inside and yes, there was someone at the counter, but the lights were low and it did not feel inviting. I also noticed that there were white pieces of paper listing movie times in the box office window, but it was small and hard to read with little light; most of the show times listed had passed.

As a potential customer, a movie lover, and a true friend of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Theater I direct the following questions to the theater management.

1) Why does the theater always look closed? I am much

less likely to inquire or seek further information if the lights are off, there is no signage, and there is no one in sight.

2) Why is there no signage? Do I have to ask inside or read the News Review to see show times?


3) Where can I find information about coming attractions, so I can plan my time?

4) Why is the last showing on Saturday night at 7:30 pm?

I also visited the Old Greenbelt Theater website and saw the pictures from the grand opening. What I did not see is what is coming next. Is this site intended to be a living informative site?

Admittedly, I am not familiar with the new business plan, but I can't see how these conditions can do anything but hurt business for the theater. I would love to hear more about plans for success and how moving forward we will all learn about current and future shows, movies times, later showings on weekends and how the Old Greenbelt Theater will become a vibrant addition to the Old Greenbelt scene. How can we help?

Tom LeaMond



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SHOWTIMES

June 19-25

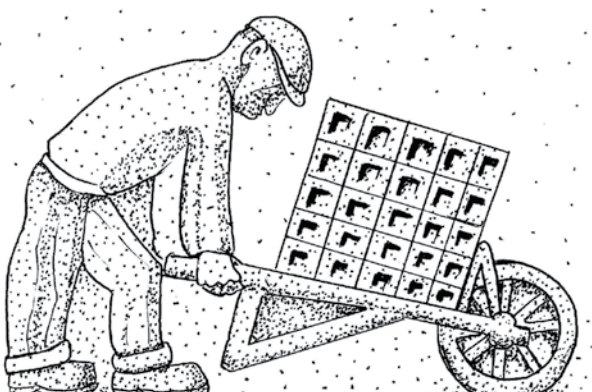
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Pete Reppert

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On Screen

High in the Alps

Opening at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, June 19 is Clouds of Sils Marie, wherein a veteran French actress (Juliette Binoche) performs in a revival of the play that made her famous 20 years before. Then she played the role of Sigrid, an alluring young woman who disarms and eventually drives her boss Helena to suicide. Now she is being asked to step into the other role, that of the older Helena. She departs with her assistant Valentine (Kristen Stewart) to rehearse in Sils Maria, a remote region of the Alps. Olivier Assayas directed and wrote the screenplay.

by Eli Flam

Community Events

Mishkan Torah Discusses Iran's Nuclear Program

Mishkan Torah Synagogue will present a special event on Sunday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m. on the timely topic of Iran's nuclear program. Iran's nuclear program has been prominent in the news, especially since the U.S. and other nations announced the draft of a nuclear framework agreement with Iran in April of this year. A more formal agreement is being negotiated and, when completed, will be reviewed by the U.S. Congress. Although important to the balance of power in the Middle East and potentially world peace, many aspects of this topic are technically complex and not well understood by most citizens.

Mishkan Torah's resident nuclear engineer, Steve Mirsky, will present the facts on Iran's nuclear program and its relationship to weapons. He will explain the basic information surrounding the mystique of nuclear weapons and the infrastructure that exists in Iran which could be used to manufacture such weapons. The announced framework terms will be evaluated in terms of Iran's capabilities. This presentation is intended to give attendees the basic knowledge necessary to understand this important subject as it continues to develop during the coming months.

The event is free, and all are invited to attend. Coffee Klatch will be offering breakfast starting at 10:00 a.m. at a nominal charge. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road.

GHI Notes

Thursday, June 18, 6:30 p.m., Investment Committee Meeting, Board Room

Friday, June 19, OFFICE CLOSED. For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011.

Monday, June 22, 7 p.m. Communications Committee Meeting, GHI Lobby

Tuesday, June 23, 7 p.m., Member Outreach Committee Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, June 24, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room

Thursday, June 25, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Saturday, June 26, 11 a.m., Pre Purchase Orientation, Board Room

Special Greek Food Tasting at the Co-op

The Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy will sponsor a special food tasting and demo on Sunday, June 21 from noon to 3 p.m. featuring The Greek Table. This is a great opportunity to sample authentic, take-home-ready, locally prepared Greek foods and dishes.

Chef and owner, Maria Kardamaki Robertson, who grew up on Crete in the 1970s, makes dishes including moussaka, boureki, vegetable stews and salads sold in the prepared foods case at area food stores, including at the Co-op. Robertson learned to cook from her grandmother. Her dishes embody the Mediterranean diet with good olive oil, lots of beans, whole grains and fresh vegetables.

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Greenbelt Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of June 22 are as follows:

Monday, June 22: Grape juice, oven-fried bone-in chicken breast, mashed sweet potatoes, seasoned spinach, sliced pound cake with strawberry drizzle.

Tuesday, June 23: Cranberry juice, pot roast with gravy, whipped potatoes, glazed baby carrots, sliced peaches.

Wednesday, June 24: Apple juice, chicken patty with marinara sauce, garlic rotini, spinach, fresh fruit.

Thursday, June 25: Pineapple juice, potato-crust fish, mashed spiced yams, green peas, fresh fruit.

Friday, June 26: Apple juice, beef barley soup with crackers, seafood salad, Kaiser roll, mixed green salad with French dressing, fresh fruit.

Benefit Concert for Adoptions Together

There will be a benefit concert Saturday, June 20 at 7 p.m. to raise awareness for foster children and families who work with Adoptions Together. Talented teens from Eleanor Roosevelt, Camp Encore and other area singing groups will perform a mix of show tunes, popular and country music. The concert will be at the Greenbelt Community Church at 1 Hillside. Donations are welcome and appreciated.

Astronomical Society To Show Deep Impact

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will be showing the movie Deep Impact, free of charge and open to the public, on Thursday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 114 of the community Center. This 1998 movie, starring Elijah Wood, Téa Leoni, Robert Duvall, Vanessa Redgrave, Maximilian Schell, Leelee Sobieski and Morgan Freeman, was praised by Neil deGrasse Tyson as one which got the science right. It depicts the attempts to prepare for and destroy a seven-mile-wide comet set to collide with Earth and cause a mass extinction.

As a tie-in, the society will mention and prepared to answer questions concerning the real-life NASA Deep Impact space probe, launched in 2005 to study the interior composition of comet Tempel 1. This mission was led by University of Maryland astronomer Michael A'Hearn and later extended, as EPOXI, to study extrasolar planets and Comet Hartley 2.

Patron Day, Food Demos And Wine Tastings

There will be wine tastings on June 19 and 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy a sample of Co-op's selections and save 5% on tasting wines.

Co-op will host a two-day meat sale June 18 and 19. The Greek Table will return on June 21, noon to 3 p.m. to demo scrumptious prepared Greek foods.

Patron Appreciation Day is June 24 – save 5% on purchases all day! Later in the day, the Seasonal & Savory Food Demo will feature a peach gazpacho from 5 to 7 p.m. and wine tasting extended for an extra hour, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Visit Co-op's website, greenbelt.coop, for information on this month's specials and events.

Annual Rummage Sale at St. Hugh's

St. Hugh's Annual Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday and Sunday, June 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be lots of bargains at 135 Crescent Road.

Join the Cajun Jam At New Deal Café

On Wednesday, June 24 a free Cajun Jam will be held at the New Deal Café from 7 to 9:30 p.m. for dancers, musicians and listeners. Socializing will begin at 6 p.m. Beginners are welcome. For more information visit newdealcafe.com.

Writers Group To Meet

The Greenbelt writers group is meeting Friday June 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. June is peace month. Join the group and present poems or writings on peace by you or others in open readings.

Volunteer at Greenbelt Park

Greenbelt Park is hosting a Trail Crew Volunteer Day on Saturday, June 20 from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Volunteers can participate in a trail maintenance project in the park.

All volunteers will need to pre-register by calling 301-344-3944.

For more information please call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit the park's web site at nps.gov/gree/. The next trail crew event will be held on Saturday, July 18.

Register For GED Mini Course

Greenbelt CARES will hold registration for its 4-week Summer mini GED course. Registration for Springhill Lake is Thursday, July 2 at 10 a.m. and for the Municipal Building is Monday, July 6 at 10 a.m.

Monday classes are held in the Municipal Building from 10 to noon, July 6 through July 27. Tuesday and Thursday classes are held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center from Thursday, July 2 to Thursday, July 30. Tuesday and Thursday morning classes are from 10 a.m. to noon and there is a Tuesday afternoon class from 1 to 3 p.m. There is no class on Thursday afternoon. Students will review the four subject areas and computer skills required to take the GED exam.

Questions and enrollment information regarding either GED I or GED II should be directed to Judy Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 ext. 2016 or email jhering@ci.greenbeltmd.gov.

Star Party Saturday Evening

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, open to the public, on Saturday evening, June 20, at the City of Greenbelt Observatory, located at Northway field. We will be observing Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, the Moon, and deep sky objects such as the Whirlpool Galaxy, the Pinwheel Galaxy, the Ring Nebula, the Dumbbell Nebula, and more. As always, visitors are also welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Observing will begin at around 9:30 p.m. and continue for about two hours. There is no fee for the event. Attendees are asked to park in the ball field lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.



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Week of June 19

FRIDAY – WEDNESDAY


Inside Out, in 3D, PG (!)
11:30, 2:15, 4:40
Inside Out, in 2D, PG (!)
11:00, 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:10, 6:35, 7:35, 9:00
Dope, R (!)
11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:15
Jurassic World, in 3D, PG13 (!)
12:45, 6:45, 9:35
Jurassic World, in 2D, PG13 (!)
10:50, 11:40, 1:40, 2:30, 3:40, 4:30, 5:30, 7:20, 8:20, 10:10
Spy, R
1:40, 10:10
Insidious: Chapter 3, R
10:00
San Andreas, PG-13
11:20, 4:50, 7:30

THURSDAY

Ted 2, R (!)
8:00
Max, PG (!)
7:00, 9:35
Inside Out, in 3D, PG (!)
11:30, 2:15, 4:40
Inside Out, in 2D, PG (!)
11:00, 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:10, 6:35, 9:00
Dope, R (!)
11:10, 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 7:40, 9:40, 10:15
Jurassic World, in 3D, PG13 (!)
12:45, 6:45, 9:35
Jurassic World, in 2D, PG13 (!)
10:50, 11:40, 1:40, 2:30, 3:40, 4:30, 5:30, 7:20, 8:20, 10:10
Spy, R
1:40
San Andreas, PG-13
11:20, 4:50

More Community Events
are located throughout the paper.

Greenbelt Arts Center OPENING FRIDAY



by Agatha Christie
directed by Rick Starkweather
A guest production from Thunderous Productions
June 19 - 28
Friday and Saturdays at 8:00,
Sunday June 21 & 28 at 2:00
Ticket prices: \$20 General Admission, \$16
Students/Seniors/Military,
\$12 Youth (12 and under with adult)

COMING SOON

The Springfield Boys - Jul 10-19, 2015 - Guest Production from Seventh Street Playhouse
The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) [revised] - Jul 24 - Aug 8 -
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For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or
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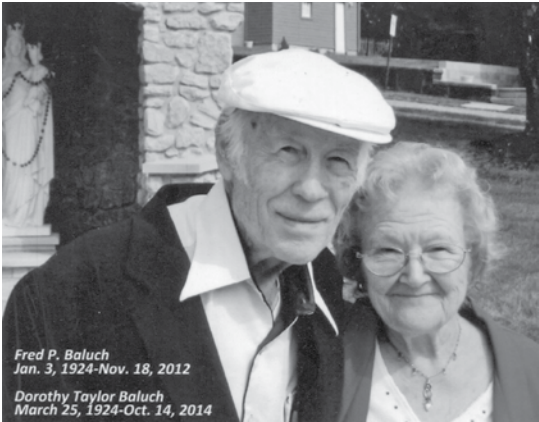


PHOTO BY STEVE BALUCH

Fred and Dorothy Baluch

In Memoriam

Fred and Dorothy Baluch

Last Sunday, a group of family and friends of longtime Greenbelters Fred and Dorothy Baluch gathered in front of Generous Joe’s deli at Roosevelt Center to dedicate two benches in their memory. The benches face each other as if to welcome friendly conversation, an art that Dorothy, especially, is remembered for. The date, June 14, would have been the couple’s 68th wedding anniversary.

The gathering was arranged by daughter Dorothy Dobson and her husband Norman, who now live in the family home on Lakeside Drive. The program started with son Rob reading a bit from his mother’s humorous booklet, *The House that Fred Built, or The In-House Out-House*.

Dorothy Sr. had been working on this memoir off and on for years, which told her whole life story. The title comes from the move from Greenbelt to Rainbow Farm in Ohio after Fred retired from his teaching career in the D.C. schools and the eight kids had grown up. The Baluchs first lived in a barn without electricity, while Fred indulged in the simple farming life he loved. Inventing and improvising, Dorothy and Fred bit by bit improved their living conditions.

At the Greenbelt event, daughter Barbara on guitar and her partner Pat McCauley on banjo, who perform professionally as Annie and Mac, harmonized on two of Fred’s favorite songs. Barbara then sang a love song from Fred to Dorothy, which she had composed, telling of their meeting in kindergarten, their letters while he was away in the Army, their marriage and the eight children, and Fred’s wish that they always be together in eternity. It was lovely, and brought tears to many eyes.

Several friends told memories of Dorothy, all involving her sense of humor and her love of people and laughter. The location of the benches is appropriate, since in her visits back to Greenbelt after the move to the farm, Dorothy especially enjoyed sitting at Joe’s, making friends of all the passers-by.

The little program ended with grandson Matthew leading the group in a prayer before everyone was invited into the coolness of

Joe’s deli for cake and refreshments.

Fred Baluch died in November 2012 at age 88, Dorothy in October 2014 at 90. Their visits back to Greenbelt became more frequent as they aged, and daughter Ruth and her husband Gene took over management of the farm in Ohio. At the time of their deaths, they had been living here again in Greenbelt for several years, with their sons Rob and John on Southway.

Both Fred and Dorothy loved to write. They shared a sense of spirituality and belief in dreams and destiny. In the 2006 anthology of the Greenbelt Writers Group, there are articles by each. Fred’s is *A Message to the Blind*. There are two by Dorothy: *The Dream* and *Rainbow Farm*.

—Kathleen McFarland

City Notes

Animal Control staff reports two bats were transported for rabies testing, one raccoon was transferred to the county shelter, a snake was removed from a home, and a bird was removed from a dryer vent. A Pet Expo resulted in 75 animals being micro-chipped.

Condolences

Condolences to the family and friends of Ann Moriarty, 80, of Boxwood, who died June 13, 2015. Her funeral Mass took place Wednesday, June 17, at St. Hugh of Grenoble church, where she was a Lady of Charity and was active in the food pantry ministry.

We were sorry to hear of the death of longtime Greenbelter Margaret (Marge) Wersick, 83, of Lakewood, who died at home on Friday, June 12, 2015. Sympathy to her husband Jim and daughter Candy, as well as other family and friends.

Congratulations:

--to Vanessa Phillips, who graduated from Pallotti High School in Laurel and will attend Oklahoma State University in the fall. She is the daughter of Caitlin and Phil Phillips and the granddaughter of Marge and Lowell Owens.

Kelly Lawson with her neighbor Peggy Compton at the St. Hugh's Sodality banquet on June 11.



Best wishes to longtime Greenbelt police officer Kelly Lawson as she leaves for her new job in Alaska. She made many friends in Greenbelt in her years as public information officer for the police department prior to George Mathews’ return, and as a volunteer and public information officer for the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire & Rescue Squad. She was always there to help after-hours, too, at community events of any kind. In her new assignment with the Army’s Public Health Command at Fort Richardson in Anchorage, she will be

doing health-care outreach in the community.

Kelly leaves for her new post on June 24 and wants to share her good news, thank those with whom she has worked over the years, and say goodbye as she heads out. She sends thanks to all those city employees and residents who gave her so much love and support.

To send information for *Our Neighbors*, email us at newsreview@verizon.net or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

Kathleen McFarland



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County Schools Begin Four-Day Week

Prince George’s County Public Schools will begin a four-day workweek schedule on Monday, June 22, and end the week of August 7.

During this time, schools and offices will open Monday through Thursday, with core business hours from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The week of June 29 to July 4 is a three-day work week to observe the Independence Day holiday.

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40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
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Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor

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ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322

Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1 Hillside (at Crescent Road)
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbeltcommunitychurch.org

Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, Pastor

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

June 21 10 a.m.
How to Say a Good Goodbye
Rev. Diane Teichert; with Bettie Young, Worship Associate; Dayna Edwards, Director of Multigenerational Religious Exploration; PBUUC and Children’s Choirs; PBUUC Chalice Dancers; and other special music.

Celebrating a fond farewell as Diane resigns, for health reasons, as our Minister.

This service is designed for All Ages. Nursery care will be provided for the youngest. Youth and children will remain in the sanctuary. Please plan to stay after the service for lunch and a Farewell Reception, during which lunch and child care will be provided for children.

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Conservative and Reconstructionist

Upcoming Events
At the New Deal

Thursday, June 18, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Open Mic hosted by Joe Harris from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, June 19, John Guernsey plays American standards on the piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Fast Eddie & The Slow Pokes offer up a soulful blend of Chicago, West Coast, Swing and Jump Blues from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 20, Bruce Kritt plays classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. Guernsey plays the piano from 7 to 8 p.m. The Cousin John Band perform original music mixed with eclectic covers of rock music.

Sunday, June 20, the Deaf Brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Kids Open Mic is from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. In the evening, Fez Tones Hafla perform Middle Eastern music and belly dance from 6 to 8 p.m.

Monday, June 22, the New Deal Board of Directors meeting will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Members and visitors are welcome to come.

Tuesday, June 23, Claw Comedy hosts The New Deal Laugh In from 7 to 9 p.m. Several stand-up comedians will be featured. Parental guidance is suggested for this show.

Wednesday, June 24, the monthly Cajun Music Jam will be held from 7 to 9 p.m.

Thursday, June 25, Mid-Day Melodies with Amy C Kraft from noon to 2 p.m. Lynn Hollyfield hosts a Songwriter's Association of Washington Open Mic from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, June 26, Guernsey plays American standards on the piano from 7 to 8 p.m. Jennifer Cooper & GroovSpan offer up an eclectic ensemble of covers from the 30's to today's music.

Saturday, June 27, Jazz Jam with Greg Meyer from 1 to 5 p.m. Bring an instrument and join in or just enjoy the music. Guernsey plays the piano from 7 to 8 p.m. WAMMIE award-winning Billy Coulter Band performs organic and original Roots Rock and Power Pop music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Free Produce
Distribution

Thursday, June 25 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road.

Attendees should not park in the Green Ridge House parking lot. Volunteers will be on hand to help load vehicles. Recipients should bring sturdy reusable bags and/or a rolling cart. Items can be heavy.



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City Information

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL- REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building, June 22, 2015 – 8:00 p.m.

ORGANIZATION
Call to Order
Roll Call
Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
Consent Agenda – Approval of Staff Recommendations (Items on the Consent Agenda [marked by *] will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)
Approval of Agenda and Additions

COMMUNICATIONS
- Presentations
- Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)
- Minutes of Council Meetings
- Administrative Reports
- *Committee Reports

LEGISLATION
- End of the Year Budget Adjustments
A. An Ordinance to Make a Supplemental Appropriation in the 2001 Bond Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015, in the Amount of One Hundred and Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000) for Additional 2001 Bond Fund Expenditures over the Appropriated Amount
1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules, 2nd Reading, Adoption

B. A Resolution for Re-Appropriation of Funds within Departments in the General Fund for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015
- 1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules, 2nd Reading, Adoption

OTHER BUSINESS
- Realignment of the Greenbelt Community Based Veterans Outpatient Center
- Program Open Space Annual Program
- Council Reports
*- Reappointment to Advisory Group
* Resignation from Advisory Groups

MEETINGS
NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee
For information call 301-474-8000.

Come see a good show for a good cause!

MESSAGE TO TOMORROW

A retro-modern musical for family audiences written and directed by Chris Cherry

Starring Sue Smithers and the Creative Kids Camp Staff with special guest singers from area elementary schools

All proceeds go to the Welcome Fund, which provides scholarships for Recreation Department summer camps.

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road
Saturday, June 20

Shows at 2:00 pm and 4:30 pm Running time: One hour
Suggested minimum donation: \$5 per ticket
Tickets: 301-397-2208

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 22-26

Monday, June 22 at 8pm, **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, June 23 at 7pm, **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.



Tuesday, June 23 at 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY** (Green ACES) and Green Team meeting at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Wednesday, June 24 at 8pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Economic Development Next Steps** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Thursday, June 25 at 7pm, **FOREST PRESERVE ADVISORY BOARD** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. *On the Agenda: Review of FPAB woods clean ups, Review Pumpkin Walk Report, Discussion of Pumpkin Walk Relocation to Area D, FPAB research Project for city website, Trail Erosion in Area A.*

The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.

BIKE RODEO FOR KIDS
Saturday, June 20, 11:30am-1:30pm
Springhill Lake Recreation Center Parking Lot
6101 Cherrywood Lane (Rain Location inside SHLRC)
Bring your bike and helmet and ride our rodeo course. Bike maintenance and Safety Checks will be provided by Proteus Bike Shop and Bike Maryland. Lots of bike safety supplies, including helmets, bike locks and safety lights will be given away to lucky riders. Refreshments provided by Three Brothers Pizza. Come join us and get your bike ready for a summer of fun riding! Info: 301-397-2200.

**BIKE MARYLAND**

UPCOMING PEACE MONTH ACTIVITIES

Saturday, June 20, 11 am -12 noon Dedication of a Peace Pole presented to the Greenbelt Community Church by its charter Girl Scouts troop, 1 Hillside Road. By the United Church of Christ and the troop. A PEACE MONTH EVENT

Thursday, June 25, “Color & Class” A Discussion of Race, Politics & Society, 7pm, Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Hosted by Delegate Alonzo Washington Come out and join the discussion! Prince George’s County Peace & Justice Coalition.

Saturday, June 27, 4 pm at Youth Center, 99 Centerway. Dedication of Memorial Trees in honor of Greenbelt peacemakers: Esther Webb, Bert Donn, Bob Auerbach and Doug Love. Contact Lucy Duff, 301-577 2350.

For City Information and Events visit Greenbelt CityLink at www.greenbeltmd.gov
Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt
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CREATIVE KIDS CAMP OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, June 20 from 3-4:30pm
Greenbelt Community Center

If you have enrolled, meet the staff, tour the rooms and get your bearings. If you haven't, come find out what Creative Kids Camp is all about!

Fun Art Activities in Every Classroom!

Stay and watch the Scholarship Show, *Message to Tomorrow*. The show features our talented camp staffers and dozens of young performers. Great entertainment for just \$5 and it benefits the scholarship fund which provides camp tuition assistance for those in need. Download the Camp Brochure at www.greenbeltmd.gov

PLASTIC BAGS WILL NO LONGER BE
COLLECTED IN YOUR BIN AS OF JULY 1, 2015

The City of Greenbelt will stop collecting plastic bags and film plastic such as sandwich bags, dry cleaning bags, plastic wrap etc., on July 1st, because these materials will no longer be accepted at the Prince George's County Recycling Facility. This decision was made by the County due to the fact that the bags had been getting caught in the facility's machinery causing regular shutdowns. Please do not place these materials in your recycling bin or take them to the recycling centers.

Plastic bags can be recycled at the grocery stores and other stores. If you must throw away your plastic bags, it is suggested that you use them as trash can liners prior to throwing them out. For other ways to reuse the plastic bags, check out the City of Greenbelt Pinterest page at <https://www.pinterest.com/cgreenbelt/what-to-do-with-plastic-bags/> for a whole bunch of neat ideas! Or, better yet, consider buying reusable bags.

Remember to place your recyclables loose in the bins, and not in plastic bags. Shredded paper must be placed in paper bags in your bin.

Greenbelt is proud of its recycling rate and the ability of residents to recycle so many different materials. The City will continue to collect the bags through June 30th. Please help spread the word to your friends and neighbors. If you like more information, please contact the City of Greenbelt Sustainability Coordinator, Luisa Robles at 301-474-8308.

It Takes a Village

by Cathie Meetre

Greenbelt is a village of volunteers. Most of the institutions cherished by Greenbelters, and which support the fabric of the town’s society, are powered by extensive volunteerism. Many organizations are hybrid – served by a combination of paid and volunteer staff who together create a townscape that is responsive to citizen needs. While some organizations have a single purpose in mind and may exist only for relatively short periods, there are others which – perhaps against the odds – have continued for decades – some since the town itself was born.

Individuals who are new to the town, or who are contemplating retirement, are often interested in volunteer opportunities, and here they have many choices. Volunteers recognize that it takes human energy and commitment to power the institutions that make Greenbelt great. Even though many are already serving, every individual, no matter how busy, can contribute an hour or two a month and take satisfaction in giving something back to the community.

Perhaps the longest-running volunteer show in town is this newspaper. Since 1937 it has taken seriously (some would say occasionally too seriously) its mandate to keep Greenbelters informed about city activities, decision making, concerns and triumphs. Each issue takes the combined effort of approximately 25 to 30 staff members to come to fruition. Over time, the roles in the paper have been modularized so many people each do relatively small chunks of work, and can seamlessly (on a good week) produce a paper of a quality that many larger and better-heeled organizations would envy. Of course, this fractioning of the effort levies a cost in communication. Something that seemed perfectly obvious to the person writing an article is less obvious to someone further down the chain and wording gets changed and meaning affected – to the frustration of all. But there’s no small army of checkers, and given the limitations and deadlines, a generally high level of accuracy and consistency is reached. Better a newspaper with flaws than none at all.

The city government, too, is the recipient of volunteer effort. Its boards and committees are generally staffed by volunteers – some of whom have served for decades. Every citizen has the right – some would say the duty – to participate in decisions that the town makes. The town is professionally managed, but citizen committees embody the voice of the people, and the creative tension between city management and the guidance of the committees helps Greenbelt optimize the path through evolving times and the fiscal challenges they bring.

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) is the large housing cooperative central to the town. It is a mix of paid staff and volunteers – with a board of directors and numerous committees. Even though major decisions (rehabilitation of structures being a prime example) reliably spark heated controversy and long and loud (sometimes vitriolic) meetings of the membership, there’s a cadre of dedicated volunteers

who strive to find the best path through a maze of alternatives. With no simple and obvious answer to complex fiscal and architectural issues, committees must forge compromises that inevitably leave some unsatisfied. Yet it is due to these efforts and decisions over the decades (some turning out well, others not so much) that GHI, and by extension Greenbelt, remains an attractive community with strong housing values and a stable population. With no 100 percent guaranteed right answers and no crystal ball to hand, the most important thing about planning the path ahead is perhaps the effort and commitment required to reach consensus. Just as World War II forged a community of purpose in the country, perhaps GHI needs a rehab every now and again to keep its sense of self.

In addition to these major institutions, there are numerous other volunteer activities central to city life. The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department is key to public safety with an active auxiliary and a rotation of volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMTs). The several houses of worship in town serve the community’s spiritual needs – extending care through food pantries and other activities to a wider range of citizens in need. A variety of groups bring wider issues to focus in the city – concerning themselves with educating citizens on ecological and political questions, protecting the woodlands, and promoting alternative energy sources.

The community has benefited enormously from the synergy that has grown up in Roosevelt Center over the last decade. When the New Deal Café was first formed as a volunteer group two decades ago, the idea of a thriving coffee house society in town was a pipe dream. Now, though the food service is contracted out as a concession, the New Deal hosts a lively volunteer-run music and arts scene complemented by the Friends of the New Deal Café and the Greenbelt Arts Center. The newcomer to the scene (though in some way the oldest kid on the block) is the re-opened movie theater – now volunteer-run. Taking its place in the revitalized center scenery is the Greenbelt Farmers Market – bringing local produce, tasty prepared foods and community participation to enliven Sundays during the spring through fall months.

No discussion of volunteerism in Greenbelt would be complete without the Labor Day Festival. Many dozens of volunteers successfully organize this large occasion year after year. Several months of effort culminate in nearly four days of festivities. Though the leadership has turned over many times since its inception, continuity is preserved and the show goes on. Remarkably, even the weather usually cooperates.

An original area of volunteerism – and perhaps the most consistent – revolves around sports and activities for children. Back in 1937 when applicants filled out the forms to become the first generation of Greenbelters, it was taken for granted that everybody was volunteer material. All the fathers were potential

Scholarship Show and Open House For Summer Camps

by Rebekah Sutfin



Doctor Darla (Flavia Perotta) and Spark Swenson (Abram Shaw) handle space turbulence with ease in the upcoming camp scholarship show, Message To Tomorrow.

Spark Swenson, the intrepid space explorer and his colleague, Doctor Darla, will blast off in their spaceship on June 20 to prevent an invasion of Earth by Mang The Mannerless. Aided by the entire staff of Creative Kids Camp and more than 70 elementary school performers, the heroic pair will accomplish another important mission: raising money for camp scholarships. The scholarship show is a tradition at Creative Kids Camp. Camp staffers volunteer their time to rehearse and present a fundraising show that draws flocks of supportive Greenbelters to the

Community Center for a good cause – and a good show.

This year’s show, Message To Tomorrow, is a decidedly Greenbelt spin on 1930s sci-fi adventures, touching on themes of community and environmental stewardship in an entertaining way. The upbeat, family-friendly musical debuted last summer to positive responses, and writer/director Chris Cherry says he’s delighted that the upcoming Saturday performances will give more people the opportunity to see the show.

Greenbelter Sue Smithers stars in a dual role as a progressive Greenbelt grandma and queen of the planet Utopia. Abram

Shaw and Flavia Perrotta play Spark and Darla. Current Miss Greenbelt Krissy Beauchamp plays Nunu Tossaway, a devotee of conspicuous consumption, and Cherry himself makes an appearance as the villainous Emperor Mang whose scheme to conquer Earth fiendishly exploits the ubiquity of cell phones.

Camp music teacher Amanda Ferguson, who also teaches music at University Park Elementary School, has been busy teaching songs to the elementary school performers who play the children who accompany Spark and Darla on their mission (and who provide the crucial means to defeat Mang). Ferguson’s students also play the Seuss-like characters encountered by the explorers on their travels: Hurryups, Instablabs, Zoominsnaps, Havalots and Morthanyoos.

The one-hour show will be presented at 2 p.m. and again at 4:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at the Community Center. Tickets are available in advance by calling 301-397-2208. There is a suggested minimum donation of \$5 per ticket.

In between the shows, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Creative Kids Camp will host a camp open house, with free arts activities throughout the Community Center. The open house offers an opportunity to meet the camp staff, tour the classrooms, and engage in typical camp activities. On-the-spot camp registration will also be available. The open house is free.

Rebekah Sutfin is a Greenbelt Recreation Department employee.

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Little League coaches and all the mothers were nascent PTA presidents. Though this form of volunteerism is often tied to the ages of a family’s children, generation after generation of parents have consistently given of their time and energy to their own children and the children of others. There are far fewer children in Old Greenbelt now than there were in, say, the 1940s, but there are still many parents valiantly coaching little strivers on the swim team, teaching knots to scouts and helping youngsters perfect those T-ball swings. Add basketball, football, softball, baseball, soccer, cheerleading, double-dutch and volleyball to the mix and there’s a lot happening.

All these organizations actively seek volunteers. Whatever the skills and interests of residents, there’s a place for them in serving the community. Information on many of these organizations is available online, through advertising in this newspaper and from the community calendar online at GreenbeltNewsReview.com/calendar.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Thursday, June 25, 2015

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 7:30 PM

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Proposed Vinyl Fence for 31A Ridge Road
- Architectural Review Committee Recommendations Re: Door Styles and Colors for the Homes Improvement Program
- Buildings Committee Recommendations Re: Homes Improvement Program
 - Scope of Improvements for Additions
 - Should Members be Allowed to Opt-out of Required Items
- Proposed Rights-of-Way Abandonments for Five GHI Sites
- Recap of GHI-City of Greenbelt Stakeholders’ Meeting
- Proposed Policy Re: Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Pepco Proposal to Trim and Remove Trees in GHI
- Contract for 2015 Underground Utility Repairs, 2nd Reading
- Contract for Crawlspace Improvement Test Project, 2nd Reading
- Contract for Repairs to 18N Ridge Road, 2nd Reading

Regular Board meetings are open to Members.

For more information, visit our website: www.ghi.coop

To request a sign language interpreter for this meeting, go to <http://www.ghi.coop/content/interpreter-request-form>, or go to the GHI Office (One Hamilton Place) or contact us by phone (301-474-4161) or fax (301-474-4006).

Councilmember Todd Turner Celebrates Greenbelt Seniors



PHOTO COURTESY OF INGRID HARRISON

Left to Right – Senior resident Dorothea Leslie, City of Greenbelt Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor Karen Haseley, County Council staff Rhonda Tinsley, Golden Age Vice President John Henry Jones and Prince George’s Councilmember Todd Turner.

Prince George’s County Councilmember Todd M. Turner hosted his first annual luncheon for City of Greenbelt seniors at the Community Center on Friday, June 12. The luncheon was held to honor the senior citizens of the Golden Age Club and the surrounding Greenbelt community. During the gathering, Turner shared information important to seniors and gave them an opportunity to ask questions. They also enjoyed a catered lunch and several door prizes.

Preventing and Treating Summer Insect Bites

Warm weather months help us take advantage of the outdoors. But time spent at the beach, hiking, camping or relaxing in the backyard is not without risk since outdoor time can increase exposure to insect bites and stings. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, discomfort is not the only concern because insects such as mosquitoes, bees and ticks can spread diseases. Limiting exposure is the best way to reduce the risk. Most common summer insect bites are caused by mosquitoes, ticks, spiders, bees and wasps and knowing the differences in the appearances of bug bites can help people better treat the symptoms and know when to see a doctor. Most bites can be managed at home with an over-the-counter antihistamine, pain reliever or topical ointment to relieve pain, itching and swelling. People can apply ice or cold washcloths to reduce swelling and (to avoid infection) they should try not to scratch the bite. For stings, people should remove the stinger without squeezing it, which could cause more venom to be released. Some insects can carry diseases, and some people can react severely to bites or stings. The black-legged tick, also known as deer tick, can carry Lyme disease. Medical attention is needed if the following symptoms appear

within three to 30 days of a bite: fatigue, chills, fever, headache, muscle and joint aches or swollen lymph nodes or rash that is red, expands around the bite to create a bull’s-eye appearance and is hot to touch, but not unusually painful or itchy.

The following precautions can limit exposure: Cover exposed skin with long-sleeved shirts, long pants, closed shoes and hats. Avoid areas of tall grass and heavy brush. Walk in the center of hiking paths, and wear insect repellent. Insect repellent should contain picardin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, IR3535 or 20 percent or more DEET. Follow product directions and reapply as per the instructions. Apply sunscreen first and insect repellent second. Also avoid applying bug spray to hands, eyes and mouth, especially on children. Permethrin-treated clothing and camping gear can help. The board-certified emergency medical specialists in Doctors Community Hospital’s Emergency Department are available 24/7. They are trained to evaluate insect bite symptoms that require immediate medical attention. Its on-site laboratory allows the team to examine test results to provide diagnostic as well as treatment services.

ERHS Performing Arts Space Honors Retiring SallyWagner

by Amy S. Hansen

Question: How do you put another performing arts space into a school already overcrowded with students and activities? Answer: Move the airplanes out. This year, Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) band director Sally Wagner spearheaded a plan to create a new theater using an under-utilized classroom. When the school was first built, the room was used to build airplanes. The double-sized classroom had equipment bolted to the floor and ventilation in the ceiling. Wagner said after the airplane-building teacher retired, she had been thinking about how to repurpose the room.

“We tried several years ago to take over [that room] as a recording technology space,” she said. It was being used then for engineering classes, but they were taking up only a small part of the room, and the airplane pieces were still on the wall. However, when she asked several years ago, it didn’t work. Last year was different. “More recently, I was in the room and realized that even less of the room was being used as classroom space,” she said. Now, most of it was being used as storage. “It seemed a waste to me, especially when we are so cramped for instructional space. I approached [Principal Reginald] McNeill again and this time, he went along with it!”

The plan was to create a multi-purpose theater seating 90. The space, while officially the drama classroom, could be used for music, dance or any other small performance. Having a second space would alleviate the strain on the over-booked school auditorium. ERHS has over 2,400 students and the auditorium is used by everyone. Music, theater, dance, church groups and visiting dignitaries all want to be on stage. Having a second performance space seemed like a good idea. The county agreed. They approved the plan, but not the funding. At this point the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) was invited in to help raise the money. I was PTSA president and fundraising is not my forte. However, Wagner had just announced



PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Amy Hansen (right) presents Sally Wagner with a temporary sign for the door.

she would retire at the end of the school year. After almost four decades as band director, Wagner had a following. The school community — including hundreds of alumni — wanted to find a worthy retirement gift and ERHS needed another theater. The stars were lining up. The fundraising drive started in November. By January there was enough money to pay contractors to clean out the room and hang rods for the curtains. In February, drama teacher Chris Mannino moved out of his old classroom and opened the theater with the show Aladdin. He followed that up a couple

months later by the annual One Act Festival. “The space is a huge improvement,” he said. “With more than double the classroom teaching area, plus huge amounts of storage, the room is an ideal drama classroom.” This summer, Mannino plans to put in wooden floors. New lighting and sound equipment are coming as well. And almost as importantly, the new sign on the door announces that Room 04 is no longer the Airplane Vocational Arts Room, but rather the Sally Wagner Performing Arts Space, or the SWAG for short.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERHS DRAMA

From right: Danielle Breedlove, Ashley Adams, Maeve Baker, Viola Costen, and Heather Babin perform in AP Theatre from the One Act Festival.

"O" is for Opossum

On Friday, June 19 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge, children ages 5 to 7 can learn about opossums. The opossum has a tail like a monkey and a pocket like a kangaroo -- what is it? Learn about North America's only marsupial through stories, games and hands-on activities. Public programs at the Refuge are free, but advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Md. Route 197.

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that follow up adjustments would be made as needed once it was placed in operation. He added that it was the department’s policy to reevaluate synchronized systems every three years and while the state was behind schedule, he expected the entire signal system on Greenbelt Road to be examined soon.

Bus Stop

Jordan and Councilmember Silke Pope expressed the need for installing bus stops at the intersection. Nemani said he would check the plans to see if that is included and, if not, he will initiate the planning work needed to be done. All new stops must be designed to meet the design standards of the American Disabilities Act.

Nemani said the state would install the crosswalks and pedestrian safety devices. However, the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority must designate the stop location and the developer will be responsible for constructing a pad (to support the bus’ weight). He also noted that the county is responsible for constructing a shelter (although at many locations the city has installed bus stop shelters).

Councilmember Rodney Roberts noted that the developer was supposed to provide a shuttle bus to the Metro station and that the South Core residents should not have to walk to Greenbelt Road to catch a bus.

Councilmember Edward Putens said he understood the shuttle service was to begin in the fall. He thought there should be a bus turnaround within the new development. (Greenbelt Station Parkway, once called the connector road in Greenbelt Station Development plans, will extend to the Metro Station and the future complete Beltway interchange for the station once full development takes place.)

Jordan asked the residents how many used Metro. Three said they did with one saying he used the College Park station and another saying she dropped her husband off at the Greenbelt Station on her way to work at Goddard Space Flight Center.

One resident expressed concern about a 300-unit apartment building soon to be built. McLaughlin said that grading of the site was underway and that the building would be completed in 18 months.

Other Projects

Nemani reported to council on a number of other state highway projects:

- Md. 193 at Cipriano Road – the extension of a left-turn lane is essentially completed.
- Md. 193 at Rhode Island Avenue – planning for the extension of the left-turn lane and a right-turn lane is completed and a source of funding is being sought. The project should be completed in 18 months.
- Md. 193 from Rhode Island Avenue to Southway – bicycle lanes have been installed.
- Md. 201 (Kenilworth Ave.) from Good Luck Road to I-95 (Beltway) through the interchange – bicycle lanes have been installed. Putens thought that bicyclists “didn’t stand a chance” in sharing ramp lanes and that the state should come up with a safer alternative.

Nemani said that some states permitted bicycle lanes on the left side of the road at interchanges but that Maryland does not do

that. He said that SHA updates its policies about every two years and that he would bring council concerns to the traffic safety committee. Pope noted that there definitely has been improvement in state policies.

- Buffered bicycle lanes – Jordan asked if there were any state-installed buffered bicycle lanes within the county and Nemani said no. Roberts said the problem is that the automobile is still “The King.” He noted that Europe has separate bikeways.

Nemani responded that in the past 10 years there has been extensive progress seen in the development of bicycle and pedestrian safety. While the perspective of traffic engineers is changing, the state is dealing with a highway system built several decades ago.

- Beltway Interchange at Metro – SHA plans to add another set of on-and-off ramps to make a full interchange were completed in 2014. The project is estimated to cost \$200 million Nemani said. Because that is very costly, the state has split the project into three phases: priority one will be construction of the full interchange and Beltway improvements between the interchange and Kenilworth Avenue; priority 2 will be Beltway improvements between U.S. 1 and the interchange; and priority 3 will be Beltway improvements between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. This project is a line item in the state highway plan, he noted.

- Beltway noise barriers – while Nemani said barriers would be installed as part of the interchange project, he did not know the extent of work proposed. Councilmembers would like to see barriers installed along the Beltway throughout the city.

College Park

- U.S. 1 Improvements from College Avenue to Md. 193 (University Boulevard) – Nemani said the plan was evolving to install pedestrian and bicycle ways. Jordan thought that College Park was also seeking the burial of utility lines and would participate in project costs, but Nemani said it was not in SHA policy to bury lines and that it would be very costly to do so.

- Pedestrian walk at Southway and Md. 193 – The city would prefer to extend the sidewalk on the gas station side of Southway to Greenbelt Road and to have a pedestrian crosswalk across the highway, believing that to be a better route to Greenway Center than on the other side of Southway. There is a steep embankment there, however.

Nemani said he would initiate a study of pedestrian use from Old Greenbelt to Greenway Center. He noted that the location of the existing bus stop across from the Center also needed to be reexamined.

- Advisory Planning Board Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan – Nemani said he had been provided with a copy of the plan and would study it as relates to State Highway issues. He suggested forming a small working team to review and act upon the plan with city involvement. Councilmembers thought that was a splendid idea.
- Greenbelt Road Improvement Plan – McLaughlin noted that there had been a proposal to improve the streetscape along this highway to give it a “main street look.” It had been the number-

two priority on the County’s list last year. He said he hoped it would be number one this year.

Jordan said the work would involve a comprehensive plan of lighting, landscaping, pedestrian and bicycle paths and signage. Nemani did not comment.

- Gateway signage -- Nemani said he would be responsible for approving plans initiated by local jurisdictions for special signs. He noted that signs had been put up for the Farmers Market. The approval of a project takes four-to-six weeks, he said.

- CSX bridge on Powder Mill Road – Nemani said the bridge would be redecked this summer and completed this fall. Councilmembers were delighted to hear the news.

(An article in the June 10 Prince George’s Gazette quotes SHA spokesperson Charlie Gischlar as saying that the bridge had been “patched and patched and patched and there comes a point where you really can’t patch it anymore.” According to the Gazette story, instead of completely replacing the bridge deck, Gischlar said crews will grind off two inches of the existing pavement, then apply a layer of waterproof sealant and a new layer of asphalt.

“It’s going to be a brand new road surface. Relief is on the way for motorists who go through there every day,” the article further quotes Gischlar.

The article also said the work will begin after the July 4 holiday and completed in a week to a week-and-a-half with traffic alternating during construction. The project will cost approximately \$175,000 to complete, according to Gischlar.

Pepco Schedules Vegetative Pruning

Pepco has mailed notices of scheduled vegetation management to residents in some areas of town as well as to the City of Greenbelt. The letter indicates that homeowners may see work starting within 10 days of the receipt of the letter, which is dated June 4. Door hangers announcing tree pruning will include the name of a forestry representative to contact if questions arise. A forestry representative will contact a homeowner to request permission prior to tree removal.

The letter states that the scheduled vegetative management is needed in order to prevent service outages and damage to overhead lines caused by tree branches.

According to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, the city has notified Pepco that no work is to occur in the public right-of-way or on city property until the city has reviewed and approved the planned work. The city has recommended to Pepco that public meetings be held to inform residents of the proposed plans.

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Janet Jacobs Parker (l.), a founder and past-officer of GIVES, and Jean Cook, president of GIVES, prepare to cut the anniversary cake.

GIVES Meeting

The annual membership meeting of the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) was held on June 13 at the Community Center. Founded in 1995, GIVES marks its 20th year of service to Greenbelt this year. Following the meeting and election of officers, members enjoyed a bit of celebratory cake. GIVES was also honored with a proclamation presented by Mayor Emmett Jordan to GIVES President Jean Cook at the June 8 meeting of the city council.

Wild and Wonderful Kids Program at Refuge

On Sunday, June 21 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. children ages 5 to 10 can take a walk and do a craft with a refuge volunteer while exploring the Patuxent Refuge North Tract’s amazing pollinator gardens and grounds. Learn how people are helping wildlife, enjoy observing wildlife locally, and see how observations can actually help scientists.

Public programs at Patuxent Research Refuge are free, although advance registration is required; call 301-497-5887. The North Tract is located on Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent.

Nature Tots: Busy Bees

On Tuesday, June 30 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. kids ages 3 and 4 can buzz on over to Patuxent Wildlife Visitor Center to discover how bees help provide flowers and food by becoming a bee in this hands-on, interactive program.

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changes to the Capital Projects Fund were approved on a 5 to 1 vote, with Councilmember Rodney Roberts voting against this item.

Not all councilmembers were completely satisfied with the allotment of the extra funds. Roberts had offered no plan for allotting them at all since he preferred to reduce the tax rate rather than to spend them. The opinions of the rest of council prevailed that the monies should be used to catch up on needs not fully attended over the last few budget cycles. Nonetheless, councilmembers appeared to be unanimously pleased to move forward with the compromises that had been reached, with several pledging to continue working toward some of the unfunded goals next year.

Budgetary Reflections

As is also the practice, following the passage of the ordinance, councilmembers spoke briefly about the budget and the process. A common theme was gratitude to McLaughlin for his job in presenting what councilmember Judith Davis described as a budget that not only contained no tax increase but also managed to start to fill some of the shortages of the last several years, including staff positions and wage increases.

Councilmember Konrad Herling expressed disappointment that council had not designated more funds in support of economic development and marketing, which he considered crucial, but he was glad some progress had been made. He said another

area for which he hoped to see future funding is an expansion of the city’s planning department, which he believes is necessary to adequately carry out all the projects under its aegis.

Councilmember Silke Pope commented that she had found this budget to be one of the easiest to work through since she had been a member of council. She noted that two projects she had supported that she would pursue again next year were a second dog park and an additional part-time animal control officer.

Roberts said he had only a brief comment to make: “It sure feels nice not to have to raise people’s taxes for a change. Thank you, Mr. Manager.”

Conservative Approach

Jordan said he appreciated the city manager’s conservative approach to preserving assets. He said the city had greatly benefited from the state’s partial restoration of Highway User fees this year, as well as from price breaks for health care and electricity negotiated by the staff. “We were lucky,” he said. Among Jordan’s goals are working with the organizational assessment study in order to streamline government and make plans to grow the tax base in order not to have to increase the tax rate. The city’s biggest immediate challenge, Jordan believes, is capital expenditures, especially dealing with quite a few infrastructure issues.

In reply, McLaughlin commented that times had been difficult financially since 2008 but that the city had managed to

get through the recession period about as well as could be hoped for, including having no staff layoffs or furloughs. He said this year was the first opportunity to reinstate step increases as well as providing a 1.8 percent cost-of-living increase to staff, and he thanked council on behalf of the city’s employees for so doing.

Other Business

Mayor Emmett Jordan presented certificates to Greenbelt Elementary School students Isabela Martins and Joshua May, who, along with Recreation Department Director Julie McHale, were honored to participate in a White House event with First Lady Michelle Obama related to her Let’s Move program. (See the article in the June 11 issue of this paper.)

The mayor also read a proclamation recognizing the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Service (GIVES), which he presented to GIVES President Jean Cook.

On the consent agenda, councilmembers received reports from the Advisory Committee on Education and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board that will be scheduled for discussion and possible action at future meetings. They also reappointed several people to new terms on city advisory groups, including Sieglinde Peterson and Robert Zugby to the Ethics Commission, Robert Trumbule to the Advisory Committee on Trees, and Marc Siegel to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

North Tract Has Adventure Hunt

On Saturday, June 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Patuxent Refuge North Tract will hold an Adventure Scavenger hunt for all ages. Using clues and locations, families and groups will explore the contact station grounds and nearby trails to hunt for sculptured stones, mystery objects, plants and animals. A camera or cell phone that takes pictures is recommended. Arrive any time between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to begin the hunt and plan for about an hour of fun. Registration is required along with approximate arrival time.

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Botanic Garden Hosts Pollinator Party

On Friday, June 19 from 10:30 to 11 a.m. and again from noon to 12:30 p.m., the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) will hold a free special event, a Pollinator Party with Jim Willmott, USBG plant health care specialist, and Dr. Ari Novy, USBG executive director.

Does the garden flutter? Is it a-buzz with flighty friends? Join Willmott and Novy as they share the wonders of what butterflies, bumblebees and honeybees bring to the environment, and then help them release select butterflies into the Butterfly Garden. This program will be held outdoors; bring sunscreen, protective clothing and water. The program is canceled if it rains or if the heat index is 95 degrees or higher (Code Red weather alert).



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Robbery

June 7, 10:20 p.m., 6100 block Cherrywood Lane. Three men approached another man from behind and punched and kicked him before taking his book bag and cell phone. The man who was robbed fled and contacted police. He refused treatment for minor injuries. The group of men included two black men, one wearing a green T-shirt with white stripes, and a Latino man.

Arrest

June 4, 1:47 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court. A 23-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with burglary and trespass after he was located inside a vacant apartment without permission. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

June 8, 8 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. Three 14-year-old and two 15-year-old non-resident youths were arrested for first degree burglary. Officers responded to a report of a residential burglary in progress and observed them fleeing on foot. All five were apprehended and released to parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

June 10, Southway near Ridge Road. A 23-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged

with motor vehicle theft, unauthorized use, theft and resisting arrest after being observed driving a 1998 Honda Accord reported stolen by Mount Rainier police. The vehicle was followed to the 8100 block Powhatan Street in Prince George's County, where he bailed out of the car. He was apprehended with the assistance of a K9 and handler. Two other occupants of the car were released and not charged. The driver was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft

June 4, 10:20 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace. A pink-and-green girl's 20" bicycle was removed from the balcony of the residence.

June 7, 6:22 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane. A pizza delivery person delivered a pizza to a man who took it and fled on a bicycle without paying.

June 10, 12:55 p.m., 6300 Golden Triangle Drive. A woman walked up to the front desk at Residence Inn and took a folder containing credit card and other personal information of hotel guests. She then fled, leaving the area in what appeared to be a grey Ford Mustang. She is described as being black, 25 to 28 years old, 120 to 130 pounds, with a medium complexion, wearing a scarf, sunglasses, grey T-shirt, blue jeans and sandals.

Burglary

June 5, 11:45 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A video game player, video games and a purse were taken from a residence after entry was gained through an open sliding glass door. The purse was recovered outside the residence with money and credit cards missing.

June 10, 4:03 p.m., 6100

block Breezewood Court. A man walking up the stairs to his apartment was passed by two men running down the stairs, fleeing. The man then discovered his front door had been forced open and a pair of sneakers and jacket had been taken. Both men are described as being black, one 6'2" tall, 185 pounds, wearing a white shirt and black shorts, and the other 6'2" tall, 190 pounds, wearing a red shirt, blue jeans and black sneakers.

Vehicle Crime

A blue 2007 Suzuki SSX motorcycle with Md. tag 48600Y was stolen from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace on June 10.

A 1999 Kawasaki KLR650 motorcycle reported stolen by Prince George's County police was recovered in the 6100 block Springhill Terrace.

On June 9 a woman in the 7200 block Hanover Parkway discovered luggage and its contents had been taken from her car. She had lost the car key on June 1 and had had her vehicle towed.

Other thefts occurred in the 100 block Crescent Road (USB card) and 6200 block Lakecrest Drive (Md. tag 1AM9814).

Bank Robbery

On Monday, June 15 at approximately 9:40 a.m., a man entered the SunTrust Bank in the 7700 block of Greenbelt Road, displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. After taking an undisclosed amount of cash he exited the bank and fled the area in an unknown direction. The suspect is described as a white male, 5'8", 150 pounds, last seen wearing a tan jacket over a button-up shirt, white gloves, a green cap, a black ski mask and glasses. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Greenbelt Police Department at 240-542-2137.

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Volunteers work on an elevated garden bed at the Three Sisters Demonstration Garden in Schrom Hills Park.

Greenbelt Dogs Help Kids Heal

At a Dr. Bear’s Medical School for Kids event on May 30 at Children’s National Medical Center, Greenbelt’s dogs participated in the healing process. About 90 area kids attended this fun event with their favorite stuffed animal or doll to play doctor for a day. They toured an ambulance, practiced taking vitals, performed laparoscopic surgery, read x-rays, cast “broken” bones, and played with therapy dogs from Greenbelt Dog Training (greenbeltdogtraining.com). The event was hosted by the Grateful Family Program of Children’s National Health System.



Hannah, age 4, plays with Koda the Bouvier, a therapy dog from Greenbelt Dog Training, during Dr. Bear’s Medical School hosted by Children’s National Health System.



Stretch the corgi, a therapy dog from Greenbelt Dog Training, entertained kids at Dr. Bear’s Medical School hosted by Children’s National Health System. The kids loved his wheelchair.



Above: Dr. Bear and Lily the golden retriever, a therapy dog from Greenbelt Dog Training, spent time with the kids at Dr. Bear’s Medical School hosted by Children’s National Health System.

Left: Therapy dogs from Greenbelt Dog Training showed off their tricks during Dr. Bear’s Medical School hosted by Children’s National Health System.

Photos by Carly Glazier

Refuge Nature Tots Program on Bats

On Friday, June 26 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. introduce a preschooler (age 3 and 4) to the world of bats through games, stories and crafts in this interactive program at the Patuxent Wildlife Visitor Center. Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at fws.gov/refuge/Patuxent. The Visitor Center is on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.



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Safe Transaction Location Greenbelt Police Station

by Lesley Kash



PHOTO BY LESLEY KASH

Exterior, Greenbelt Police Station

Transacting person-to-person online business with strangers opens a world of fabulous deals. Millions of honest buyers and sellers enjoy the convenience and vast selection of the on-line list market. But hiding among them are a few criminals looking for a careless customer to cheat, rob, assault or worse. So-called Craigslist crimes typically involve strangers meeting in residences or obscure areas.

“Greenbelt citizens have been victimized while doing this kind of transaction,” says George Mathews, public information liaison for the Greenbelt Police Department. “Most commonly someone offers to sell a cell phone or concert tickets, then takes the money and runs.”

The Greenbelt Police Department offers a convenient, monitored setting for participants in legitimate Craigslist-style transactions. “We saw other departments doing this kind of program; a good example is La Plata. We didn’t need to reinvent the wheel. Basically this is a layer of security for people trying to complete transactions in person.”

A recent Washington Post article, (March 2, 2015) reported that police departments from Boca Raton to East Chicago to Virginia Beach are opening safe transaction locations at their stations. In Columbia, Mo, for example, police host a 24/7 online exchange zone complete with instructional video (see video at [youtube.com/watch?v=OQXGm0t-xOE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQXGm0t-xOE)). Columbia police spokesman Bryan Maupin is quoted as saying, “People with stolen

items may not want to meet at the police department,” and they hoped the location would serve as a deterrent for anyone engaged in illegal activity.

Crime Low

According to the Craigslist website, “with billions of human interactions facilitated, the incidence of violent crime is extremely low.” Users are warned to take “the same common sense precautions as you would off-line.” One of their suggested precautions is to “consider making high-value exchanges at your local police station.”

“Online transactions are not going to decrease; this is a new way of doing commerce,” says Mathews. He recommends, “Buyer beware, exercise due diligence. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is. We don’t want people to be taken advantage of.”

For any kind of meeting where security is in doubt, Mathews commends “people who have the common sense to come to the police station.” The setting provides calm and safety for domestic disputes or any kind of interpersonal confrontation.

The Greenbelt Police Department invites the public to the station lobby and the station parking lot, both open and well lit 24 hours every day. The station is located at the corner of Crescent Road and Ridge Road, just a block from Kenilworth Avenue.

“This is just another way to serve the residents of our city,” says Mathews. “Anything we can do to help insure the safety of our citizens, we plan to do.”

Red Cross Seeks Blood Donors

Summer is a difficult time to collect enough blood to meet patient needs. The need for blood donations is constant. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. The American Red Cross will be taking donations in Bowie on June 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Bowie Senior Center, 14900 Health Center Drive and in Greenbelt on June 29 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Road.

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Summer Reading Program

Every Hero Has a Story is the 2015 Summer Reading Program theme for all children at the Greenbelt library. Children who read at least 20 minutes a day during the summer months perform better in school in the fall.

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Writing Contest

The Prince George’s County Municipal Library System is participating in the Library of Congress National Book Festival’s A Book That Shaped Me summer writing contest, which encourages rising 5th and 6th graders to reflect on a book that had a

personal impact on their lives. Top winners will be honored at the National Book Festival on September 5 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.

Participants should choose one book – fiction or nonfiction – and write a one-page essay about its impact on their life. Entries must be submitted in person to library branches by Friday, July 10. Additional information is available at the Greenbelt library.

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Read to Rover

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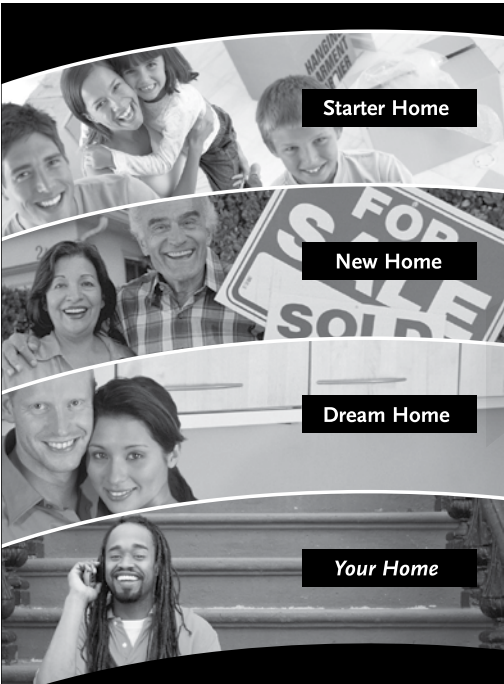
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by Amanda Leigh Brozana

Dogs and rabbits and lizards, oh my!

On Saturday, June 6, the Greenbelt Animal Control held its annual pet expo at the Greenbelt Dog Park on the side street off Hanover Parkway and while most two-legged attendees brought their dogs, a few expanded the image of pet ownership by bringing leashed rabbits and lizards to enjoy the event.

"We hold the expo every year as a fun way to get groups involved with our residents," Howard Stanbeck said. "The shelter uses the expo as a means to network with other groups with similar goals and visions."

Stanbeck said the expo also "increases adoption rates at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter tremendously" by getting exposure for the shelter and the adoptable animals in it that were featured at their booth on a display board presented by shelter volunteers.

For Stanbeck and other animal welfare workers and volunteers at the event, rabies shots offered at a greatly reduced rate is one of the most important aspects of the day.

"It's a low cost, convenient way for those needing to vaccinate their animals, but are unable to do so due to costs or transportation issues," he said.

Microchipping for a reduced cost of \$25 was also available.

A long line of dog owners came to take advantage of the

program, while many others gathered to see the K9 demonstration by Greenbelt Police.

Officer Rob Defibaugh and his K9 unit, Dago, along with Officer Jason Cressman, talked to the crowd about training for K9 units, use of K9s and more before showing off Dago's skills at assisting in searches and apprehension of suspects. Dago has been with the department since 2013.

Events Important

"It's important to have events like this so the public can interact with the police and alleviate misconceptions that police dogs are aggressive, mean, scary animals," Defibaugh said. "This gives people some understanding of how the dogs operate with police and anything that improves the public understanding of policing can help relations between the police and community."

Councilmember Silke Pope, who attended the event with Chip, a one-year old dog she rescued from the Greenbelt Animal Shelter last year, agreed that public education about the K9 program is important.

"I think people have many times a wrong perception what a K9 dog is or does. I believe in education of our residents, young and old, in order to explain and show what a K9 dog is all about, and how it may help you in an emergency is really important. A K9 is a working dog, and show-

ing how well-trained these dogs are, takes maybe some of the fear away, that people associate with the K9 unit," Pope said.

Events like the Expo raise awareness and help build a sense of community, Dominique Strawbridge, a dog walker for vendor Maestro's Tail, said.

"These events are important for our community because it helps us get to know our neighbors and allows dogs to interact on leash and around people to socialize the dogs," Strawbridge said.

Stanbeck, who said the Greenbelt Pet Expo is the only one in the county, is proud that the event helps local businesses.

"Attendees supported local animal friendly businesses, helping to keep money in the community as well as finding helpful services for their pets," Stanbeck said.

More than 30 vendors from all over the region, one coming from as far away as Pennsylvania, were on hand to greet and share information with an estimated crowd of about 400 pet lovers.

"In Greenbelt we have many, many pet lovers and I think it is important for us to show and support our four-legged friends and keep them healthy and safe," Pope said after the event. "To see our Animal Control Department, who already do so much for our community, pull together this fantastic event deserves great praise," she said.



PHOTO BY BEV PALAU

Allison DeVincent with Carmen, her Bearded Dragon. She also takes Carmen to public library children's reading programs and day programs for people with disabilities.



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Johan, handled by his owner, Matt Reilly, greets his dog park friend, Pepper, handled by his owner, James Jenifer, during the Expo.

Earth Day Celebration



PHOTO BY LIL DAN CELDRAN

In celebration of Earth Day, Ms. Volk's first grade class at Greenbelt Elementary School discussed the ways people care for the earth. Students then created their own version of the Truffula tree and the creatures living in and near it.

PeaceMonth Dialogue On Race and Class

Delegate Alonzo Washington invites the community to join him in a dialogue on race and class on Thursday, June 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 201 of the Community Center.

Sponsored by the Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition, the Prince George's County Young Dems and the Roosevelt Democratic Club, this discussion will be led by a panel that includes Lois Rosado, Greenbelt resident and education activist; William Davis, Greenbelt resident and community activist; Carlos Acosta, Prince George's County Police inspector general; and To-ni Holness, American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland public policy associate.

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The Greenbelt City Council has proclaimed June as the City's official Peace Month. Several more events organized in its recognition are scheduled for the latter half of the month.

This Friday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center, the Greenbelt Writers' Group will feature poetry and other readings on peace. For more information contact Mary Moien, MMoien@aol.com or Barbara Ford, barbford@comcast.net.

On Saturday, June 20 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Girl Scouts troops of Greenbelt will plant and dedicate a Peace Pole, made by them, at Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road. Participatory peace projects planned by the troops will follow. Contact the Rev. Glennyce Grindstaff, pastor@greenbeltucc.org, for information.

A community dialogue on "Color and Class" will be hosted Thursday, June 25 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center by Maryland Delegate Alonzo T. Washington. The dialogue will explore how, in light of recent unrest and division across the nation, our local neighborhoods can begin to move beyond the divisions of race, society and politics. Panelists/facilitators will be Dr. Lois Rosado, education activist; William Davis, community activist; Carlos Acosta, inspector general for Prince George's County Police Department; and Toni Holness, public policy associate of the Md. chapter of the ACLU. Sponsoring organizations are Prince George's Young Democrats, ACLU of Maryland and Prince George's Peace & Justice Coalition.

The Peace Month finale, on Saturday, June 27 at 4 p.m. will be the ribbon cutting of a special gathering area, with memorial trees and seating, in honor of four past Greenbelt community activists: Esther Webb, Bert Donn, Bob Auerbach and Doug Love. The event will look back at their lives as a legacy that will inspire future generations to work creatively for peace, social justice, and environmental preservation. The event will take place on the lawn below the Greenbelt Youth Center (off Crescent Road behind the library/Community Center parking lot). The city has planned the gathering area in partnership with the Memorial Legacy Committee. Contact Lucy Duff at justpeacepg@earthlink.net.

All Peace Month events are free and open to the community.